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Dear Mr. Van Horn:

This is in regard to the application for patent extension for U.S. Patent No. 4,278,689 filed by the American Cyanamid Company, under 35 U.S.C. 156 et seq.

Our letter of March 23, 1988, to the Honorable Donald J. Quigg cited December 31, 1987, as the date the Food and Drug Administration approved the new drug application for the human drug substance Novantrone. This was in error. The correct date of that drug approval was December 23, 1987. The correct date is present in our March 30, 1988, Federal Register notice which sets forth the regulatory review period for Novantrone.

We regret any inconvenience this error may have caused.

Sincerely yours,

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